

Tuesday, October 21 2003

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The move to digital television should be a choice not a dictum and, in any case, enjoy the same freedoms as analog signals. A prettier picture is hardly enough reason to dispense with all current consumer electronics and computer equipment. This appears to be yet another method to control, not only what is available to a consumer, but to insure that one is a consumer. As a citizen, viewer, and part owner of the broadcast airwaves, I urge you to promote the digital television transition by opposing adoption of the broadcast flag and prevent corporate media monopolies, our "trustees," from becoming nothing more than a plutocracy. The only other alternative is to stop consuming.

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